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1. INDOCHINA

LAOTIAN GOVT TAKES FIRST STEPS AGAINST FOREIGN PRESS, BANS
ENGLISH-LANGUAGE BANGKOK POST FOR PRINTING "ERRONEOUS
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STORIES" ABOUT CONDITIONS IN LAOS, REQUIRES FOREIGN
NEWSMEN GET INFO MINISTRY PERMISSION BEFORE GETTING ENTRY
VISAS (UPI, PHINQ; CHITRIB).

BOTH VNS APPLY FOR FULL UN MEMBERSHIP (WP; CSM; GLOBE).
AFTER CONSULTATION AMONG MEMBERS, UNSC SESSION EXPECTED
TO CONSIDER BOTH VN APPLICATIONS (WP). NVN ATTACKS
SECSTATE'S STATEMENT THAT DEVELOPING NATIONS SHOULD STOP
CAUSING IDEOLOGICAL CONFRONTATIONS AT UN (CSM), SAYS
HAK REMARKS REPRESENT "THREAT TO THE THIRD WORLD," PROVE
US "PERSISTS IN ITS POLICY OF TRYING TO MANIPULATE"
UN (REUTER, HK).

SAIGON SAYS HAS SMASHED SPY RING LEFT BEHIND BY US TO
COMBAT NEW GOVT (UPI NYT, WP). ARRESTS PART OF CONTINUING
CRACKDOWN ON PERSONS OPPOSING REGIME. PURPORTED INTELL
RING FIRST OF KIND REPORTED BY AUTHORITIES SINCE PRG
TAKEOVER (WP).

NEW BANKS IN SVN WILL DIFFER FROM PREDECESSORS, ACCORDING
DIRECTOR NATL BANK OF SAIGON CITY. SAYS BANK MOBILIZES
UNUSED CAPITAL FROM PEOPLE TO GRANT LOANS TO STATE-
OPERATED FACTORIES, PRIVATE BUSINESSES -- NOT FOR
PROFIT BUT TO FOSTER PRODUCTION, CIRCULATION, TO BUILD
INDEPENDENT, SELF-RELIANT COUNTRY. ADDS BANK HAS
DUTY CONTROL ALL NATL ECON ACTIVITY, USE CREDIT TO
REORGANIZE PRODUCTIVE SYSTEM, REGULATE CIRCULATION
OF GOODS, CURRENCY. ALL ACCOUNTS FROM OTHER BANKS
TRANSFERRED TO NEW BANK, BUT ONLY SPECIFIED SMALL
WITHDRAWALS CAN BE MADE (STRAUSS, JOC).

2. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

IN LENGTHY ARTICLE ON REFUGEES IN GENERAL, WSJ'S JANNSEN
DECLARES UNHCR DOES NOT LIST VIET REFUGEES, BUT CALLS
THEM VIETNAMESE "OUTSIDE THEIR OWN COUNTRY," SINCE TO
CALL THEM REFUGEES WOULD AMOUNT TO UN DECLARATION THAT
COMMUNIST REGIME INTENDS PERSECUTE THOSE IT INVITES TO
BE REPATRIATED. UN USES DEFINITION TO AVOID RISK
LOSING OFFICIAL COOPERATION. UNHCR NOTES US PRESSING
TO RELOCATE VIETS ELSEWHERE THAN US, BUT OTHER GOVTS
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WANT ENGINEERS, DOCTORS; PEASANT WITH LARGE FAMILY
"NOT GOING TO BE A BEST SELLER."

WP'S CROCK QUOTES IATF TESTIMONY BEFORE HOUSE JUD
SUBCOMMITTEE ON IMM THAT UNHCR EXPECTS BREAKTHROUGH
SHORTLY IN NEGOTS WITH SAIGON REGIME OVER 2425 REFUGEES
WHO WANT RETURN. NO CONTACT MADE WITH CAMBODIAN GOVT,
AND REFUGEES WHO INTEND RETURN THERE "NOT LIKELY TO
GO BACK SOON." IATF HAS SET UP REPATRIATION CENTER
ON GUAM. DIRECTOR TRAFI SAYS TARGET DATE OF END DEC
SET FOR CLOSING CAMPS, WITH REFUGEES BEING PROCESSED
OUT NOW AT ABOUT 700 DAILY. IATF OFFICIALS DEFEND
PROGRAM AGAINST ALLEGATION THAT SYSTEM BREAKING DOWN,

THOUGH ADMIT PROBLEMS EXIST.

CROCK NOTES SUBCOM CHMN CALLED FOR RESIGNATION
MRS. ENDERS FROM PRES' ADVISORY COMM ON REFUGEES
FOR ADOPTING PATERNALISTIC APPROACH, DISPLAYING
ELITIST ATTITUDE; ASSERTED RESETTLEMENT SERIOUS
BUSINESS, NOT TO PROVIDE "PART-TIME HOBBY OR SELF-
GLORIFICATION VEHICLE FOR BORED WIVES" OF DOS OFFICIALS.
REPORTS MRS. ENDERS HAS NO COMMENT "FOR THE MOMENT."

FREDOM HOUSE'S SUSSMAN RECALLS CONTACT WITH SAIGON
PRESS IN EARLIER YEARS, WRITES "AD" FOR JOBS FOR 23
VIET JOURNALISTS SCATTERED IN REFUGEE CAMPS. QUOTES

FORMER SAIGON INDEPENDENT DAILY PUBLISHER THAT GOVERNORS,
GENERALS MUST ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSS SVN,
BUT ANTI-GOVT OPPOSITION IN SVN MUST KNOW THEY HELPED
COMMUNISTS HAVE OPPORTUNITY TAKE OVER COUNTRY. SUSSMAN
SUGGESTS NEWSPAPER-SPONSOR MAY ORGANIZE
COMMUNITY TO HELP RESETTLE JOURNALISTS (IN USIA
WIRELESS FILE).

BLACK-VIET ADOPTIONS LAG, ACCORDING CATHOLIC SERVICE
BUREAU, SINCE MANY BLACKS THINK WILL BE TURNED DOWN,
OR ADOPTION OUT OF FINANCIAL RANGE (CSM). VERMONT
COMMUNITIES REFUSE RESETTLEMENT REFUGEES, WANT
GUARANTEE THAT VIETS WON'T GO ON WELFARE. POINT OUT
NOT DUE ANTI-VIET FEELING, BUT BECAUSE AREA NOT RICH,
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ALREADY HAS TOO MANY ON DOLE (SIMON, GLOBE).

3. CHINA

NYT'S ANDELMAN, IN BANGKOK, REPORTS "UNEXPECTED"
RTG ANNOUNCEMENT THAT PEKING HAS AGREED TO BUY
200,000 TONS THAI RICE. SAYS THIS CLEARLY POLITICAL
MOVE TO CEMENT ECON RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES,
SINCE PRC EXPECTED TO HAVE SUBSTANTIAL RICE SURPLUS
THIS YEAR PEKING IS EXPECTED TO MAKE DEALS IN OTHER
COMMODITIES BESIDES RICE IN ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH
STRONGER ECON BONDS WITH SEA. DISCUSSIONS CONTINUING
IN MALAYSIA OVER PRC RUBBER PURCHASES, AND TALKS
ALSO CONTINUING WITH MANILA, THOUGHT NOT BELIEVED
AS FAR ADVANCED. WHILE SINGAPORE HAS STILL MADE NO
GESTURES TOWARD OPENING TIES WITH PRC, PEKING HAS
ASKED AT LEAST ONE SINGAPORE-BASED OIL DRILLING FIRM
TO AID IN DEVELOPMENT OF POTENTIAL OFFSHORE OIL/NATURAL
GAS FIELDS.

AP (BEIRUT) SAYS PALESTINIAN GUERRILLAS TURNING TO
PRC TO AUGMENT THEIR SOVIET-SUPPLIED ARSENAL AND

DIVERSIFY POLITICAL SUPPORT IN COMMUNIST CAMP, AS
SENIOR DELEGATION FROM AL FATAH LEFT FOR PEKING WEDNESDAY,
ACCORDING TO DAMASCUS ANNOUNCEMENT (SUN).

4. JAPAN

NYT, WP, PHINQ, CHITRIB, NYDN CARRY AP, UPI PHOTOS
OF FIRE-BOMB ATTACK ON CROWN PRINCE, PRINCESS THURSDAY
AT WW II SHRINE OKINAWA. NYDN HAS UPI PHOTO OF BOMB-
TOSSER IN TOMB ENTRANCE ADJACENT SHRINE.

CROWN PRINCE, PRINCESS UNHURT (CSM, WSJ). TWO YOUNG
RADICAL BOMB-TOSSERS WORE "OKINAWA LIBERATION LEAGUE"
HELMETS. ARRESTED ON SPOT. GROUP OPPOSES MAINLAND
JAPAN "MANIPULATION," US MIL PRESENCE. POLICE SAID
TWO OTHERS ARRESTED AFTER THROWING STICKS, FIRE-M-BOMBS
AT IMPERIAL POLICE ALSO SAID 40,000 OKINAWANS RALLIED
TO PROTEST FIRST VISIT BY IMPERIAL FAMILY MEMBERS
SINCE WW II, ANOTHER 40,000 CHEERED MOTOCARADE, WAVING
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RISING SUN FLAGS (AP NYT, WP, SUN; REUTER, CHITRIB,
PHINQ). NYT (SPECIAL) SAYS FIRST VISIT BY MEMBER
IMPERIAL FAMILY MEMBERS IN 54 YEARS WAS EXPECTED TO
BRING OUT EXPRESSIONS OF BAD FEELINGS BY OKINAWANS.

POLICE SAID ONE KILLED, OVER 40 INJURED, 300
ARRESTED AS 800 MEMBERS OF TWO RADICAL FACTIONS
CLASHED IN SHIMBASHI STATION DOWNTOWN TOKYO THURSDAY.
VIOLENCE HALTED COMMUTER LINES MORE THAN HOUR,
LEFT STATION IN SHAMBLES (AP NYT, NYDN, WP, PHINQ;
REUTER, CHITRIB). SEIDEN (SUN) SAYS TWO
GROUPS RETURNING FROM HANEDA AIRPORT DEMONSTRATION
AGAINST VISIT; SEPARATE TRAINS HAPPENED STOP SHIMBASHI
AT SAME TIME. ONE GROUP ATTACKED OTHER, WITH
STEEL PIPES, BAMBOO STAVES, WITHOUT REGARD FOR OTHER
PASSENGERS. NOTES POLICE HAVE NOT YET IDENTIFIED
DEAD MAN.

OBERDORFER (WP) CREDITS AMERICA-JAPAN SOCIETY, HEADED
BY FORMER PM KISHI, WITH PASSING ON SUGGESTION "FROM
AMERICAN SIDE" TO FINANCE LONG-DELAYED KENNEDY CENTER
EXPERIMENTAL THEATER AS BICENTENNIEL GIFT. NOTES
JAPANESE EXPECT PM MIKI TO ANNOUNCE GIFT DURING
WASHINGTON VISIT EARLY AUGUST.

TWO AMERICAN GIS SAY WILL WALK 1,500 MILES FROM ONE
END OF JAPAN TO OTHER TO PUBLICIZE BICENTENNIEL;
WILL BEGIN LATE THIS MONTH (AP, CHITRIB).

CULLISON (JOC) IN TOKYO SAYS JAPANESE WILL MEET
EC REPRESENTATIVE BRUSSELS JULY 22 UNDER PROVISIONS

OF 1973 MULTILATERAL TEXTILE TRADE AGREEMENT; PLAN
PRESS EC TO LIFT TEXTILE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS.

KAWASAKI STEEL OFFICIAL SAID THURSDAY FIRM PLANS
TO REVIVE BLUEPRINTS FOR 1.8 BILLION DOLS INTEGRATED
STEEL MILL COMPLEX IN BRAZIL. NOTED SIDERBRAS S. A.
WOULD OWN 51 PERCENT, KAWASAKI AND ITALY'S SOCIETA
FINANZIARIA SIDERURGICAL 24.5 PERCENT EACH (JOC, TOKYO).

AP'S BOB THOMAS (PHINQ) INTERVIEWS TOSHIRO MIFUNE IN
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LOS ANGELES TO PLAY ROLE OF ADM YAMAMOTO IN NEW FILM
"MIDWAY", WITH HENRY FONDA AS ADMN NIMITZ.

5. PHILIPPINES

PHILS ORDERS UAL DC-8 ON CHARTER BANGKOK-US FLIGHT LAND
FOR APPARENT VIOLATION LOCAL RULE ON AIR ROUTING.
PASSENGERS, CREW TAKEN HOTEL; PLANE BEING DETAINED,
AMEMBASSY SENDS REP TO SCENE (NYT).

6. AUSTRALIA

FUGATIVE UK MP STONEHOUSE, SECY, DEPART FOR LONDON
IN CUSTODY SCOTLAND YARD DETECTIVES. EXTRADITION FROM
MELBOURNE BASED ON THEFT, FRAUD, FORGERY CHARGES (NYT; WP).

7. DIEGO GARCIA

ADMIN ASKS CONGRESS FOR FUNDS EXPAND NAVAL BASE
WITHOUT FIRST SEEKING US-USSR AGREEMENT TO LIMIT
MIL BUILDUP IN INDIAN OCEAN. SEN CULVER RELEASES DOS
LETTER CONFIRMING DECISION, ARGUES THAT NEGOTS SHOULD
PRECEDE EXPANSION (WP). MCCLOSKEY LETTER SAYS
"EVIDENT LACK" SOVIET INTEREST IN TALKS, CHANCES
FOR NEGOTS WOULD BE IMPROVED IF DEMONSTRATED US
DETERMINED, HAS MEANS PROTECT SECURITY INTERESTS
IN INDIAN OCEAN. CULVER, MANSFIELD LED OPPOSITION
ENLARGING BASE (FINNEY, NYT). DOD WANTS EXPAND DIEGO
GARCIA BASE SO SHIPS FREED FROM RELIANCE ON SUPPORT
FROM PHILS, 4000 MILES AWAY. CULVER SAYS PROCEEDING
AT DIEGO GARCIA WOULD HARM RELATIONS WITH 29 COUNTRIES
BORDERING OCEAN (CORDDRY, SUN).

8. UN

DISILLUSION WITH UNGA MAY BRING US PULLBACK, IF NOT
PULLOUT. ACTION ON PENDING QUESTIONS COULD COOL
US ATTITUDE: WHETHER 2 VNS CAN JOIN; WHETHER SK CAN
BECOME MEMBER; WHETHER UN WILL CONDEMN US PRESENCE
IN KOREA (WSJ).

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COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

9. KOREA/JAPAN

CSM'S HALVORSEN IN WASHINGTON SAYS SECDEF VISIT TO ROK, JAPAN, IS "CLEAR UNDERSCORING" OF US MILITARY COMMITMENTS TO THOSE TWO KEY ASIAN NATIONS. NOTES SCHLESINGER

EXPECTED DISCUSS MAINTENANCE 42,000 US TROOPS IN ROK, DEPLOYMENT OF SOME 1,700 US NUKES IN ASIA -- LARGE PORTION OF WHICH IN SK -- AND REASSURE JAPANESE THAT US VIEWS MST AS "PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT."

10. JAPAN

NORMAN SKLAREWITZ (CSM) IN TOKYO DESCRIBES "SIGNIFICANT NEW TREND" IN INTL COMMERCE -- MOVE BY JAPANESE FIRMS TO LOCATE PRODUCTION, ASSEMBLY LINES IN US. SONY, YKK ZIPPERS, TDK CASSETTES, NISSHIN FOODS, OTHERS ALREADY HAVE DONE SO, AND IN MAY KAWASAKI HEAVY INDUSTRIES OPENED 13 MILLION DOLLAR SHOWCASE MOTORCYCLE PLANT IN LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, FIRST FOREIGN-OWNED MOTORCYCLE PLANT IN US.

11. MALAYSIA

ASIA MAG'S ABRAMS AT MALACCA WRITES ABOUT PLIGHT OF EURASIAN RC DECENDENTS OF PORTUGUESE SEAFARERS WHO LIVE IN POOR FISHING COMMUNITY, ALIENATED FROM MALAYSIAN SOCIETY -- CLANNISH, ILL-EDUCATED, UNSKILLED, CLINGING FIERCELY TO OLD CUSTOMS. ONE RELATIVELY WELL-EDUCATED CIVIL SERVANT FROM COMMUNITY SEES EDUCATION AS ONLY ANSWER TO IMPROVE GROUP'S LOT (SUN).

12. CHINA

CSM'S HARSCH INTRODUCES LITTLE-NOTICED SMALL COMMUNIST PARTY IN PORTUGAL WITH TIES TO PEKING -- ALLIANCE OF WORKERS AND PEASANTS (AOC), THAT SUPPORTS SOCIALISTS. MAY OR MAY NOT INFLUENCE POLITICAL EVENTS IN PORTUGAL, BUT LABELS IT SYMPTOM, IF PERHAPS SMALL, OF PRC'S
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RISING INTEREST IN WEUR AFFAIRS (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

MICHAEL O'NEILL, IN LAST OF NYDN SERIES, WONDERS WHETHER CCP WILL BE ABLE AGREE QUICKLY ON NEW LEADERSHIP, OR BE

TORN BY POWER STRUGGLE THAT COULD DESTROY FRAGILE
POLITICAL STABILITY ONLY RECENTLY ACHIEVED. REPLIES
FUTURE KEEPS ITS SECRETS AND NO ONE KNOWS ANSWERS, LEAST
OF ALL FOREIGN TRAVELLER. OFFERS OWN QUICK "MENTAL
SNAPSHOTS" MADE DURING RECENT 25-DAY STAY. SUGGESTS
PIVOTAL QUESTION IS WHETHER POLITBURO COMRADES WOULD
COMPROMISE MAO'S OFTEN UNREALISTIC PROGRAMS FOR CREATING
PERFECT SOCIETY TO MAKE WAY FOR TOUGH, PRACTICAL MEASURES
TO SPEED PRC'S INDUSTRIAL GROWTH, INCREASE ITS MILITARY
POWER. STATES BETTING AMONG EXPERTS IS THAT HISTORIC
NEW SINO-AMERICAN ALIGNMENT WILL CONTINUE AFTER MAO,

DESPITE DANGER POINTS IN ROC, KOREA, BECAUSE US, CHINESE
INTERESTS, GENERALLY COINCIDE IN ORDERING OF POST-VN
RELATIONSHIPS. KISSINGER

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